

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1. (Currently amended) A fluid pressure disturbance damping arrangement (40; 140; 240) for a fluid driven actuation device (10; 100; 200) including an actuator [(20)], a fluid pump [(30)], a fluid supply line [(32)] for delivering fluid from the pump to the actuator at relatively high pressure and a fluid return line [(36)] for delivering fluid from the actuator to the pump at relatively low pressure,

    said damping arrangement comprising an elongate flexible damping hose (42;142) in fluid communication with at least one of the supply and return lines, the hose having a longitudinal axis and about said axis a peripheral wall (46<sub>1</sub>;46<sub>2</sub>) defining, in a cross-sectional plane perpendicular to the axis, a non-circular area of magnitude related to pressure exerted on the peripheral wall by contained fluid,

    said peripheral wall being responsive to impulsive or vibrational pressure disturbances in the contained fluid to deform and restore locally changing the shape of the cross section area defined thereby to dissipate energy associated with the pressure disturbance.

2.- 29. (Canceled)